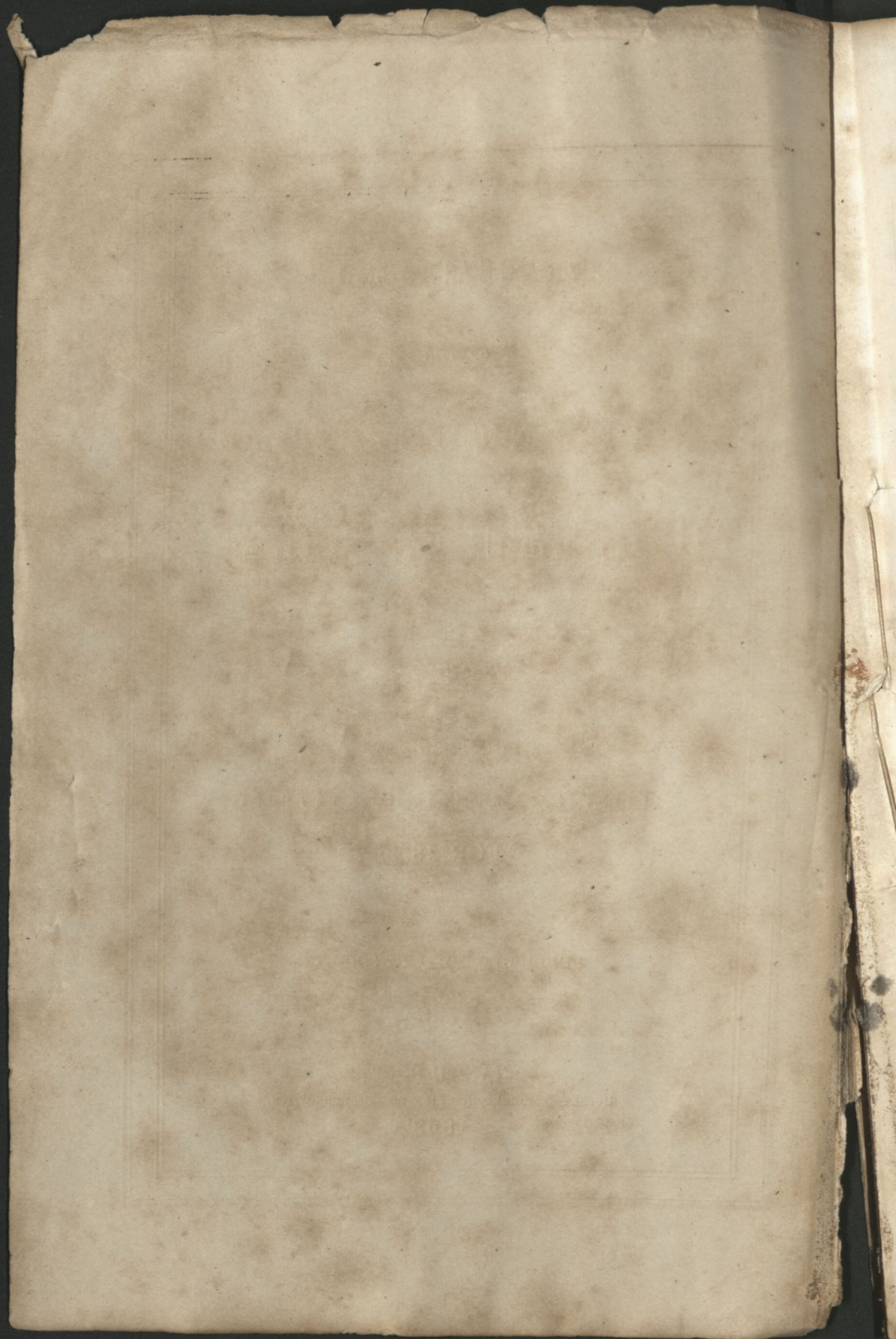


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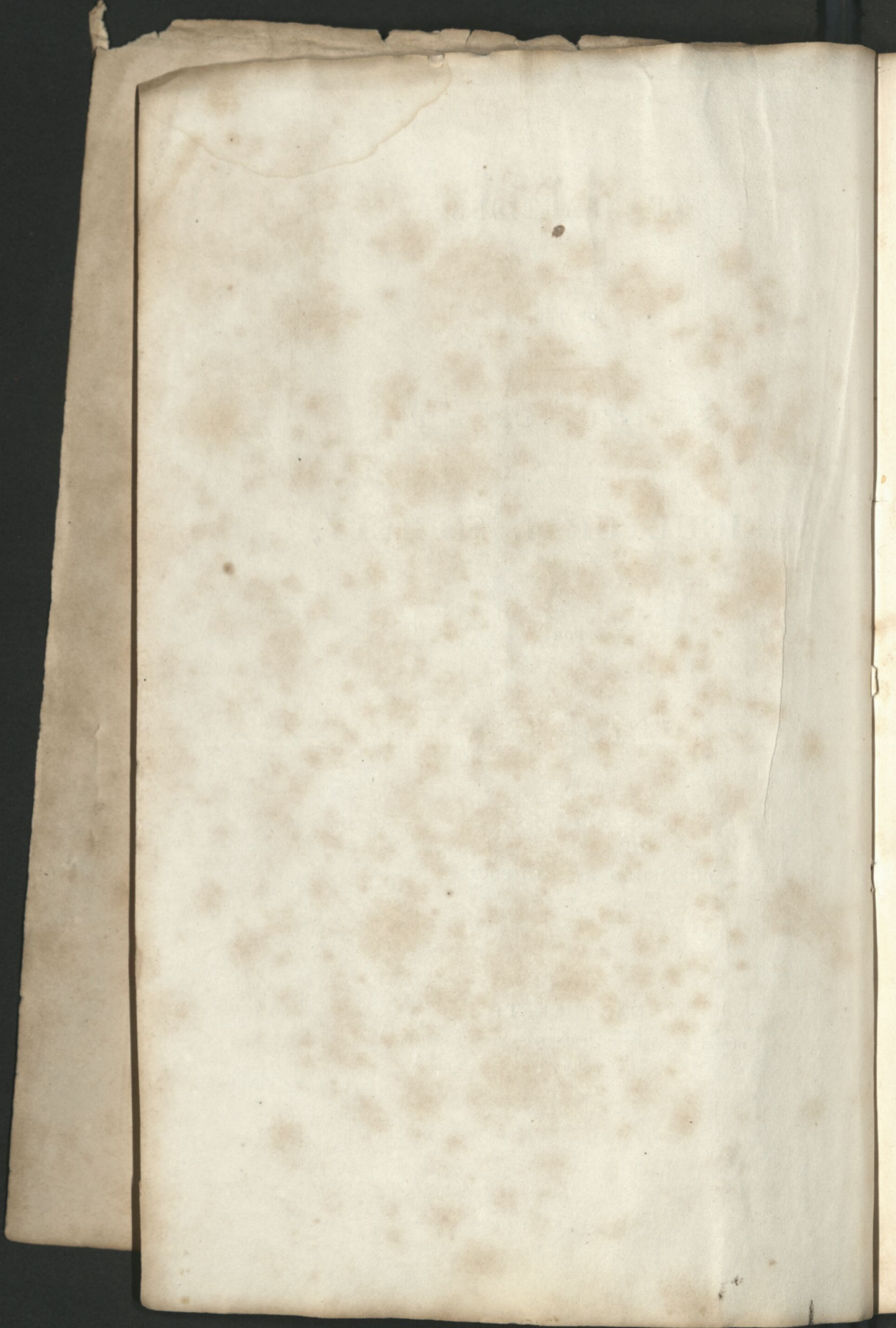
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OFFICERS.

The first Annual Meeting of the Society, was held at the Atheneum, December 8th, 1856, and the following list of officers was elected :

President,

EDWARD W. GARDNER.

Vice-Presidents,

NATHANIEL BARNEY,	JAMES THOMPSON,
GEORGE W. MACY,	WM. R. EASTON.

Recording Secretary,

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JOSEPH M. FOLGER,	GARDNER COFFIN,
EDWARD MACY,	EDWARD C. JOY,
ARNOLD MORSE.	

COMMITTEES.

At a meeting of Officers held Sept. 29th, 1857, the following Committees were appointed to award premiums:—

List of Names.

Committee of Arrangements.

E. W. GARDNER,	JAMES THOMPSON,
E. H. ALLEY,	GEORGE W. MACY,
EDWARD MACY,	ARNOLD MORSE,
JOHN B. KING,	CHARLES WOOD,
EDWARD F. EASTON.	

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WM. M. BATES,	TIMOTHY W. CALDER,
WILLIAM STARBUCK,	CHARLES E. COFFIN.

Committee on Hall.

ELIJAH H. ALLEY,	CHARLES WOOD,
DAVID MITCHELL,	EDWARD F. EASTON.

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Fruits.

JOHN B. KING,	ELIJAH H. ALLEY,
JAMES THOMPSON.	

Flowers.

ALFRED MACY,	MRS. MATTHEW STARBUCK,
MISS SARAH B. SWAIN.	

Fancy Articles.

MRS. ANN SWAIN,	MRS. GEORGE STARBUCK,
" FRANCIS M. MITCHELL,	" ALANSON SWAIN,
" CHARLES C. FOLGER,	MISS EMILY SHAW.

Hymns, Songs and Essays.

A. B. WHIPPLE,	E. W. GARDNER,
MRS. ALFRED MACY,	MRS. NATHANIEL BARNEY,
MISS MARGARET PERRY.	

Manufactured Articles.

ALANSON SWAIN,	GEORGE W. MACY,
EDWARD C. HAMMOND.	

Forest and Fruit Trees.

JOHN H. SHAW,	JOSIAH STURGIS,
SAMUEL KING.	

Crops.

JOSEPH M. FOLGER,	EDWARD MACY,
ARNOLD MORSE,	EDWARD C. JOY,
GARDNER COFFIN.	

Cranberries.

GEORGE MYRICK,	HENRY COFFIN,
JOHN H. SHAW.	

Ploughing.

EDWARD MACY,	EDWARD CHASE.
ARNOLD MORSE.	

Vegetables.

JOHN MORISSEY,	SAMUEL S. HUSSEY,
SAMUEL B. SWAIN.	

Bread and Honey.

MRS. WILLIAM HADWEN,	MRS. GEO. W. MACY,
MISS EUNICE COLEMAN.	

Butter.

MRS. NATHANIEL BARNEY,	MRS. E. W. GARDNER,
MRS. ARNOLD MORSE.	

Bulls.

Cows and Heifers.

Working Oxen.

Sheep.

Swine.

Poultry.

Manures.

OBED STARBUCK, SHUBAEL WORTH,
CHARLES C. FOLGER.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE SECOND
CATTLE SHOW AND FAIR,
OF THE
Nantucket Agricultural Society.

At 10 o'clock A. M., October 13th, the hall of the Atheneum was thrown open to the public, and the cattle, in goodly numbers, were collected on the lot of ground adjoining the Asylum.

The display of vegetables at the hall, was much better in quality and greater in quantity than that of last year; and it is to be hoped that it will far exceed this in the year to come.

The hall was beautifully and tastefully adorned, and the exhibition of works of art, from old and young, black and white, gave evidence of the genius, ability, and disposition of all classes, to contribute to the success of our undertaking. To the taste, skill, and industry of the women, manifested in the decoration of the hall, as well as in the various productions of art and usefulness, which were displayed, we were greatly indebted for our success.

The stock of cows and horses was very creditable to

the farmers of Nantucket, but might have been increased with valuable additions, had the owners of some fine cattle felt interested to benefit others by their example. In this department much can be done by the individual, and by the united efforts of all, to do what can be done in the way of improvement. The show of Swine was not so good as might have been made, but in this line there is room for our farmers to do much. Hundreds of pigs are raised abroad every year, and brought here for sale, at great prices, which might be profitably produced at home, and of superior breeds.

There is a great deficiency in the statements of the cost, and the value of crops, as well as in the description and cost of the feeding of stock. The account given by Edward Chase, of the cost of cultivation, and receipts for the crop of strawberries, from a quarter of an acre of ground, is of great value; and if every farmer will do the same, in regard to each field which he cultivates, it will be of inestimable value to himself, to his neighbors, and to the world.

Premiums should not be awarded, in any instance, unless there has been a full compliance with the rules of the Society.

On the first day of the show, the weather was delightful, and the time was spent in the hall, at the exhibition of the stock, and at the plowing match. In the evening, the Glee Club entertained the audience at the hall, with various pieces of music, and glees. Adjourned to the next morning at 10 o'clock.

On the second day, Wednesday, the 14th, at 10

A. M., the services at the Second Congregational Church,
were as follows:

ORDER OF EXERCISES

AT THE

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 1857.

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VOLUNTARY ON THE ORGAN.

ORIGINAL HYMN.

God of Nature, Earth and Ocean,  
Hear us from our Island home,  
As our souls in rapt devotion,  
To the Year's Communion come.

Round this table of the seasons,  
Which thy loving kindness spread,  
We would offer grateful reasons,  
For returning daily bread.

For the seed-time and the harvest,  
For the products of the sod,  
For the health and strength to labor,  
Sing Thanksgiving to our God.

Food and flowers—needed blessings—  
Are the gifts of God alone,  
Making life so worth possessing  
That our earth is heaven begun.

Food and flowers—strength and beauty—  
Feed the body and the soul,  
Making pleasant every duty,  
As the changing seasons roll.

While we labor we adore Him,  
And receiving's our reward;  
While we worship here before Him,  
Sing Thanksgiving to the Lord.

PRAYER—BY REV. J. EMERSON SWALLOW.

Which was excellent, and appropriate.

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ORIGINAL HYMN.

Father of the blade and kernel,  
Bounteous, blessing all mankind!  
'Mid the many flowers and varied,  
*One there is we hope to find.*

Tho' its plant be rarely blooming,  
And the blossom seemeth small,  
Yet, Oh! grant the precious seedling  
May be sown by each and all.

Sown with tender heart and fervent,  
Sprouting in thy fields of light,  
Till around the gard'ner, firmly  
Twines the tendril in its might.

And about his brow is wreathing  
Crown of *calm* content and *still*,  
As, on earth, he might be dwelling  
But to do the Master's will.

Grant, oh God! by patient seeking,  
That *this* flow'ret all may find—  
"Charity of thought and feeling,"  
"Charity that judgeth kind."

Grant, oh God! that from its blossoms,  
Guided by thy watchful love,  
If below, we weave the chaplets,  
Fruits we reap in realms above.

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ADDRESS BY A. B. WHIPPLE, ESQ.

The address was intensely interesting and instructive to all practical farmers, displaying a thorough acquaintance with the subject of agriculture, and tracing agricultural fairs back to their classical Grecian origin, in a very

happy manner. That our fair had stimulated our gardeners to do more this year than last, one need only enter yonder hall, and feel the answer. There were many beautiful comparisons in the address, which concluded by citing the magnet, which when held over sand containing bits of iron and steel, the iron and steel would be drawn out; the sands of the island of Nantucket have yielded up their true iron and steel to the magnetic hand of the agriculturist.

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ORIGINAL HYMN.

Father! let us all adore Thee;  
 Let our grateful voices rise;  
 Let all join to praise Thy goodness,  
 Till our chorus fills the skies.

Swelling buds and op'ning flowers,  
 Luscious fruits and ripen'd grain,  
 All, are emblems of Thy wisdom,  
 All awake a deep refrain.

Father! thou art ever showering  
 Blessings on Thy children's way!  
 For the seed-time and the harvest,  
 Who Thy bounty can repay?

'Tis Thy hand wreathes smiling Nature,  
 Fashions ever flower and tree;  
 Thus, these silent teachings bring us  
 Nearer Heaven, and nearer Thee.

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BENEDICTION.

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At 1½ P. M., the Society and invited guests, numbering about eighty in all, sat down to a rich repast, provided by Mr. Robinson at the Ocean House. After all

were satisfied with the good things prepared by the host, the President made a few introductory remarks, upon the origin and advancement of the Society, and introduced the Secretary, S. L. Meade, Esq., as toast-master, who, with appropriate remarks and toasts, called out Mr. Bushnell, from Sheffield, Dr. N. Durfee, of Fall River, Mr. Alfred Macy, Principal of the Coffin School, Hon. Wm. R. Easton, Rev. Mr. Coggeshall, and others, whose speeches were full of instruction and wit. Such of the Reports as were ready, were read. The Nantucket Cornet Band added their sweet notes to the occasion, and at dusk, all departed, to meet again at the hall, where the song of Miss Getchell was sung, and speeches were made.

#### SONG.

Come one, come all, to our flower-wreathed Hall,  
 And come with joyous greeting;  
 And join in the strain, the glad refrain,  
 To celebrate our meeting.  
 With cheerful heart, all bring their part,  
 Each sister and each brother,  
 And we'll all toil on till the goal is won,  
 Then press on toward another.

#### *Chorus:—*

Then work for a while, till our dear old Isle,  
 Shall rival sister counties;  
 Till the trees grow tall, and the ripe fruits fall,  
 And the farmer reaps rich bounties.

All friends that come to our Island home,  
 On pleasure or on duty,  
 Have said our land was nought but sand,  
 And wholly void of beauty;  
 Let them come to our Fair, and they'll see there,  
 Good proofs of honest labors,  
 A cheerful band, we'll till our land,  
 And excel our envious neighbors.

Although quite slow, yet on we go,  
 Advancing sure and steady;  
 We'll keep in view the good and true,  
 And not be *rough* but ready.  
 Then join the cause with loud applause,  
 Ye farmers all true-hearted,  
 Let it ne'er be said that our zeal has fled,  
 And our fervor has departed.

Mr. Gardner brings here various things,  
 Both pears and quinces mellow,  
 In the lower Hall, are best of all,  
 His pumpkins round and yellow,  
 We are stocked with shares of different pears  
 From Thompson and from Alley,  
 And Mr. Bates, who never waits  
 When there's little time to dally.

The "JUDGE" is here, whose pears last year  
 Were worthy of our praising,  
 But some rascals stole, as we've been told,  
 His fruits of careful raising.  
 There's a few more left, so we're not bereft  
 Of pears from generous donors,  
 For with larger ones Mr. Ratliff comes,  
 And with Easton bears the honors.

Mr. Thompson brings with other things,  
 A set of Spanish beauties,  
 And his sugar-cane, not brought in vain,  
 To keep us at our duties.  
 There are fowls pure white, a pretty sight,  
 Fitzgerald brings as a sequel,  
 Around our Isle for many a mile,  
 There can't be found their equal.

We've here two Kings, and each one brings  
 Us flowers and fruits so mellow;  
 And Bennie B., (you'd know 'twas he,)  
 Has brought a pumpkin yellow.  
 'Tis five feet long, so says my song,  
 Circumference according,  
 Of course, no doubt, were the inside out,  
 He'd take us all in boarding.

Here's Gardner's screen, and a sewing machine,  
 That outstrips nutmeg graters,  
 And Mr. Sweet is after our feet,  
 With boots and Congress gaiters.  
 And Emery, too, with many a shoe  
 And neatly fitting buskin,  
 And Cathcart's corn that grows so long,  
 We *hope* he'll have a huskin'.

Mrs. Ewer's bower's adorned with flowers,  
 And Flora's in its centre,  
 And the Graces three, near by you'll see,  
 All willing there to enter.  
 Then Bacchus crowned with vine leaves round,  
 His ruddy goblet proffers,  
 And the young votary still bends his knee  
 To accept the tempting offers.

Mrs. Coffin's brought in flannel wrought,  
 A nice young gent's apparel,  
 And as for the one that gets them on,  
 No doubt but he will fare well.  
 Then the tired brigand, with his household band,  
 Is resting from his labors,  
 And the near recruit, with warning lute,  
 Foretells of dangerous neighbors.

Mrs. Starbuck brings as her offerings,  
 Three baskets overflowing,  
 Macy's orange tree on a stand you'll see,  
 With ripe fruit on it growing.  
 Potatoes fine are brought this time,  
 By Eldridge and by Coffin;  
 And there up stairs, 'mid flowers and pears,  
 We see our last year's Dauphin.

George Myrick's wine is very fine,  
 From grapes of his own raising;  
 And Wendel's vine produced this time,  
 Some worth our highest praising.  
 There's Clisby's horse on the table across,  
 And a cart well made to match it,  
 And a bark behind, sailing close to the wind,  
 All ready now to catch it.

Here's a rich soft bed of cranberries red,  
 That John J. Gardner sent us;  
 And the gas-works bright, to give us light,  
 That Easton & Thompson have lent us.  
 Mrs. Swain's neat quilt and pictures gilt,  
 And Starbuck's ripe tomatoes,  
 And lemon's four, Mrs. Mitchell's store,  
 And Swain's nice sweet potatoes.

Around the Hall are hung up all  
 Our various colored crosses;  
 And an anchor, too, Annie Wood's in view,  
 That's made of native mosses.  
 Another one Mrs. Rogers has done,  
 Of dahlias richly blended;  
 And a basket rare, Mrs. Macy's share,  
 Is from the wall suspended.

There are mortars brought, by Farnham wrought,  
 And Shubael Winslow's "geeses,"  
 And Morton's box beats Hobbs' great locks,  
 Made of nine hundred pieces.  
*Standing near at hand, stands Jaggar's stand,*  
 With perfumes sweetly scented;  
 And a little dog made with shells neat laid,  
 And bright black eyes indented.

Some honeycomb's there, Mr. Barney's share,  
 And then Miss Coleman's peaches,  
 And Myrick's wine, altho' its fine,  
 His beeswax far o'erreaches.  
 Here's Mr. King, with the plumed wing  
 Of his eagle spreading o'er us,  
 And Evangeline of Longfellow's rhyme,  
 Stands out in full before us.

There's Macy's chairs you'll see up stairs  
 All polished smooth and brightly,  
 And least of all is a bureau small,  
 Each piece inserted rightly.  
 There's a barn that's made with floors well laid,  
 By Mr. Harrison Gardner,  
 Like a ball that'll bound is that great orange round,  
 Vain seeking for a partner.

Dr. Durfee's come to our Island home,  
 And what do you think he's brought us?  
 Some grapes so rare we're forced to declare,  
 Our mouth profusely waters.  
 He's welcome here with his vineyard cheer,  
 And we give him hearty greeting,  
 And hope again he'll come from the main  
 To our Agricultural meeting.

We've another friend from the Western end,  
 Far as Massachusetts reaches,  
 Mr. Bushnell's come from his Berkshire home,  
 And brought us pears and peaches.  
 An excellent address, well meant to impress  
 Each and all with a sense of duty,  
 Our teacher made, with *thoughts* inlaid,  
 And full of strength and beauty.

Miss Cobb and Swain sing a soft sweet strain,  
 As does Miss Annie Cartwright,  
 And Mary Jane Chase comes next in place,  
 And truly sings her part right.  
 Mr. Allen, too, now sings for you,  
 We know we should have missed him;  
 And Matthew Chase comes with the bass,  
 And Starbuck's here to assist him.

Of the things that are all brought to our Hall,  
 We can't make separate mention;  
 We can only take those of home-make,  
 And curious new invention.  
 Now we've done with the fair, so we'll all repair,  
 With hearts as light as morning,  
 To hold our ball in Pantheon Hall,  
 And dance till day is dawning.

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Owing to the violent rain which was falling, it was concluded to hold the Fair another day and evening.

On Thursday evening, remarks were made by Mr. Bushnell, who said the day would come, and there were those then in the hall who would live to see it, when

Nantucket would be as noted for her Agriculture, as she had been in times past for her Commerce.

Miss Getchell's song was again sung, when Dr. Durfee was called out, and made some few remarks on the capabilities of our soil, and paid a merited compliment to the writer of the song, as well as to the audience, for the good order in the Hall, and mentioned one fact that he had not observed elsewhere, that although the fruit on the tables was not watched, not so much as a grape was taken.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Mr. Alfred Macy, and unanimously accepted:

Whereas, the eminent success which has attended this, the second exhibition of the Nantucket Agricultural Society, is attributable to the hearty co-operation of all our citizens, and the care of the officers of the Society, therefore

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Society be tendered to the President for the faithful manner in which he has performed his duties, by which he has brought this child of a two years' growth, to a vigorous maturity.

*Resolved*, That the unwavering vigilance and energy of Messrs. E. H. Alley, and Charles Wood, has adorned our hall, and arranged the articles for exhibition, in a manner that cannot be surpassed; and for this they are entitled to our warmest thanks.

*Resolved*, That we shall ever be grateful towards the ladies who have been with us early and late, contributing by their efforts towards the success of the exhibition, and rendering it pleasing to all our visitors.

*Resolved*, That Mr. A. T. Allen, and the Glee Club under his direction, have our unqualified thanks for the beautiful music discoursed to us on this occasion.

*Resolved*, That for the admirably well-written address of A. B. Whipple, Esq., the thanks of the Society be presented.

## REPORTS.

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### Essays, Hymns and Songs.

The Committee on Essays, Hymns and Songs, beg leave to report as follows:

On hymns, no premiums were awarded.

To Miss Margaret S. Getchell, for her song, we award the proffered premium of \$3.

To Thomas B. Gardner, the sum of \$5, for the best essay on Agriculture is awarded.

In behalf of the Committee,

A. B. WHIPPLE, Chairman.

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### ESSAY ON AGRICULTURE.

In an essay necessarily short, a subject so important and so interesting as the one before us can hardly receive the consideration it merits and demands. To follow the advance of this science, and the struggles of her votaries from the time of her birth to the present day, would be a pleasant, though laborious task.

The field for thought which is presented to us in this subject, is boundless and inexhaustible. It is one which the soundest and deepest minds have never fathomed, one which the clearest intellect has never fully appreciated.

I will not, cannot, pretend to give this subject a thorough investigation, but can only give it a few cursory glances. The date of its birth is coeval with that of man; I may say, of the Creation. The first view which man had of this world was a garden. The Almighty placed our first parents in the most beautiful and attractive spot of this whole creation, a spot where all the beauties of Nature were most fully developed; and every charm of which earth was possessed, was placed before their view in the most captivating form. Every means for gratifying the varied tastes and desires which his nature was capable of feeling, was placed at his command in the garden of Eden. It was there that the powers of the mind were first called into operation and developed. It was there that the finer traits of the human character were first displayed, and the most ennobling feelings of man's na-

ture were called forth to action. There was the first lesson in worship, reverence and prayer, given by an Almighty instructor ; and there the heart's purest affections were consecrated to God.

In Scripture, we find Heavenly sanction given to this art ; the shepherds were God's favored ones. We read that "Cain was a tiller of the Earth," and "Abel offered up the firstlings of his flock," and that the favored Noah "began to be a husbandman and planted a vineyard." The ancients regarded this art with idolatrous devotion. The Chinese, Japanese and Phœnicians, and many other nations of old, devoted much attention to the perfection of it ; and the Egyptians attributed its origin to *Divine* power and superhuman agency.

There is no subject which occupies so important a position in the annals of the world as AGRICULTURE. And there is no class of men whose career is so interesting as those whose lives have been devoted to agricultural pursuits. This is the foundation of every earthly blessing that falls to the lot of the human family, and is indispensable to national prosperity. In every age since the creation of the world, farmers have laid the foundation, and have been the prop and main support of national independence. We find that every nation and people that has ever occupied an exalted position in history, has in the season of its greatest prosperity, given agriculture protection and support. In the palmiest days of the Roman Republic, when her conquering armies were subduing the savage tribes of Germany and Gaul, and filling the national coffers with wealth ; while science thrived and spread enlightenment and civilization over the known world ; while art erected monuments which rendered the city of Romulus eternal, upon the plains and in the valleys of sunny Italy, were the husbandmen tilling the earth, and their flocks and herds grazed upon the hill sides and mountains, and retreated from the heat of noon beneath the foliage of the Appenines.

In Cato, the general, statesman and orator, this science found an able advocate and mighty defender. Varro, Pliny and Palladius devoted their attention to the claims of agriculture upon the Roman people. Thus the greatest and most celebrated of Roman statesmen and orators, deemed it an honor to espouse the cause of the husbandman, and thought it worthy of their consideration. But when, by a long continuance of successes, and a rapid influx of wealth, avarice was generated in the hearts of her rulers, and ambition crazed her victorious generals, Agriculture was no longer respected ; *neglect* took the place of encouragement, and with the decline of her husbandry the Republic fell, never to rise. So set the sun of the Roman Republic—from the brightest noon of prosperity to the darkest night of degradation and imbecility. From the Queen of the world, she fell to

the basest of slaves. When lands acquired by her conquering armies were parcelled out among her victorious soldiery, for the use of the plowshare ; when the bloody sword was sheathed in its scabbard, plenty and wealth were the lot of the nation, and the sunshine of prosperity shone full upon a free and happy people. At the decline of her husbandry, Heaven-born virtue wept and fled her shores, and her once happy, *mighty* people, are the slaves of sin, poverty and degradation.

One of the severest blows that Agriculture has ever received, was given by the institution of the Feudal System. The tyranny practiced upon the tenant by the feudal lord, so debased his condition and destroyed his ambition, *unmanned* him, we may say, that he lost his *power* to rise from this low condition, in which the unjust oppression of his master had placed him, and he was looked upon as the lowest of the human family. The forms and ceremonies through which the occupants of lands had to go, the obligations that they had to give to their lord to obtain a title to the land they held, were of such a nature as to utterly deprive them of the *will* to elevate their position, to deaden their intellect, and in a word, to render them fit occupants of the lowest position in the scale of humanity. For ages this system ground the husbandman in the dust ; surrounded him with influences that were pernicious and destructive alike to mental and moral, as well as physical energy, and enveloped him in cloud and darkness for a period of time known in history as the dark ages. This institution, while it deprived the husbandman, or *serf*, so called, of every particle of liberty, and power of even *self-government*, gave to his superior a might that was irresistible ; which power was so often abused, that at last this curse became a blessing. The love of power with which minor rulers became possessed, was handed from lord to king, till at last the load became unbearable, and the last resort left to those oppressed, was made use of, and by *resistance* their rights were regained from their oppressors. This institution existed in Rome and Gaul, and from France, by the Norman invaders, was taken over the channel to England. Here the laws which were in vogue in Normandy were instituted in the place of the old English law, and the oppressions practiced in their own country were imposed upon their victims by the Norman invaders. From the time of William the Conqueror, till the death of the late Duke of Wellington, the tenures by this system have existed in England, though in a much more modified form now than in years past. This branch of the history of agriculture, upon which much can be said, and upon which volumes *have* been written, is both interesting and instructive.

The history of the world is but the history of Agriculture : it is the experience of the world for us of the present generation to profit by. The

*truths, the facts* which history has handed down to us concerning this subject, are as true now as they ever were. They are lessons for us to profit by; lessons for us here upon the sands of our sea-beaten shore, as well as for the inhabitants of the sunny valleys of the fertile South.

The same lessons that *we* learn from Greece, Rome, Spain, and every ancient country, may be learned by posterity from us. Greece, the nursery of science, art, poetry and valor, tells the same tale as does Rome. The ruins of Mexico and the wreck of Spain, impress the same lesson upon this Western World. While the former was erecting temples and shrines to the gods, the protectors of Agriculture, Athens was in her prime. Her poets sang the beauties of this science, and her orators with matchless eloquence portrayed her virtues and defended her rights. While the latter was sending her powerful armadas to terrify the Old World and stretching her arms to the New, she was the patron, friend and protector of Agriculture. But when, alas, the destroyer alike of nations and of men—the love of wealth and a thirst for gold—possessed her, she lost the power to keep her place as the mightiest of the mighty: she lost the power to govern herself. To this condition will every nation come, when ambition and avarice guide the Ship of State.

In every age, in every State, from the time of the immortal Virgil to the day of Oliver Goldsmith; from the time when the eloquence of Cicero moved Roman multitudes to mighty deeds, to the day of our own Webster, this subject has been the poet's favorite theme, the statesman's chosen text. Wit, poetry and eloquence have been her servants; art has faintly pictured her beauties. In her train happiness and contentment follow, and wealth empties her treasures into her lap. The Norwegian peasant, drudging upon a barren soil for his daily bread, more contentment finds than the occupant of a ducal palace. The Switzer, in his Alpine home, more happiness finds in his rocky wilderness, than Alexander upon his imperial throne. Where Agriculture thrives, Liberty, her twin-born sister, sheds her blessings around. The one is inseparable from the other. Where the former does not prosper, the nation are slaves.

From a retrospect of the distant past and an indulgence in poetic thought, let us turn to times nearer our own, and look at this subject in its true light in our own day. To every rational, thinking mind, the claims of this subject upon the attention of every *American* citizen, must be apparent, and her demands irresistible. It is to the patronage and protection of Agriculture that we owe our national prosperity and independence. As we pass through the busy streets of our metropolis, and see the crowds swarming to and fro, we pause, and ask what is the moving spirit of such

a multitude? Or, as we walk through the great thoroughfare of New York, and see the costly piles of granite, marble and brick, we ask what erected them, and what fills their spacious halls? Or, as we stroll along Fifth Avenue, and see block after block of stately mansions, the evidences of wealth, prosperity and successful trade, we ask again what put them there? The only reply to all our questions will be—Agriculture. She fills our storehouses, as well with the golden fruits of our western States, as with silks from India and France. She fills every sea with our enormous fleet, and sends our free institutions to every clime in which our national flag ever waves.

Nor need we look back to olden time for examples of great agriculturists. Our own country has produced many. Washington was at home at Mount Vernon; Webster retired from political life to the quiet of Marshfield; Jefferson and Putnam stand forth in the front rank of American farmers. With patriotism, intellect and bravery, the love of Nature's works is ever found a constant companion. The purity of character for which Washington was distinguished, could find no better nursery than in a country home. The intellect of Webster had ample field and opportunity for development in the study of nature. By Putnam, patriotism and bravery were inhaled from Heaven's pure air in the fields of Connecticut.

Virtue, patriotism, the love of the beautiful, devotional feeling, and every great and noble sentiment which the human heart is capable of feeling and knowing, is breathed into the very nature and being of man, by the pure, untainted air of heaven, as it comes from forest and mountain, from over waving fields of grain, or wafts perfumes from beds of flowers. The rolling turf, as it turns from the steady ploughshare, every budding flower and growing plant, in silent, yet eloquent language, teaches man many a useful lesson, and purifies and ennobles his nature.

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### Vegetables.

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have attended to the duties assigned them, and make the following returns:—

The number of entries in this department, this year, far exceeded that of last, a spirit of competition having been aroused among our producers, which bids fair to lead to the most satisfactory results.

## CORN.

Very handsome specimens of native corn were shown by Asa P. Jones, Edward C. Joy, Edward W. Gardner, Zimri Cathcart, Nathaniel Barney, Reuben Swain, William R. Easton and Shubael Worth. Of these, your Committee think the sample shown by Zimri Cathcart, rather the best, and therefore award him a copy of the Patent Office Report.

A very handsome specimen of King Philip corn was exhibited by Mr. E. H. Alley, to whom we award a premium of 25 cents.

Some fine specimens of variegated corn were exhibited by Lewis H. Wendel, comprising nine different varieties, handsomely displayed on a frame. For this, we award him a premium of 25 cents.

Three full ears of native corn, growing upon one stalk, were exhibited by Charles Folger; a stalk of Virginia corn, by Master Charles W. Macy, bearing three ears; a stalk of Ohio corn, planted June 30th, was shown, bearing two ears.

A lot of prepared sweet corn, was exhibited by Samuel Swain.

## PUMPKINS.

Some of the finest specimens of the native "Hard Shell" pumpkin your Committee have ever seen, were on exhibition. The specimen shown by Charles C. Folger, being the handsomest in the lot, your Committee award him a copy of the Patent Office Report.

Zimri Cathcart showed the handsomest lot of twelve, and in the opinion of your Committee is entitled to a premium of 50 cents.

Fine specimens were exhibited by Thomas Macy, Edward Ray, Edward W. Gardner, Alexander Macy, William R. Easton and Albert C. Folger.

Of the foreign varieties, Benjamin B. Gardner exhibited the largest, weighing 58 pounds; we award him a premium of 25 cents.

Handsome specimens were also shown by Albert C. Folger, Charles C. Folger, Obed Barnard and Lemuel Jones, to each of whom we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

## SQUASHES.

Two large marrow squashes, very handsome, were shown by James Thompson, to whom we award a premium of 25 cents.

Two specimens of the "custard squash" were on exhibition by Edward Macy; this is an entire new variety to the place, and your Committee award him a premium of 25 cents.

Two large crooked-necked squashes of an unknown variety, were on exhibition by John Paddack; and two smaller ones of the same variety by E. W. Gardner.

## JAPAN SQUASHES.

The show of this vegetable was very large; the largest and handsomest specimens being from William Rawson and Franklin B. Murphey, to each of whom we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

Large specimens were shown by James Thompson, Joseph Morey, Edward Macy, Benjamin B. Gardner and Edward W. Gardner.

## POTATOES.

A box of Davis' Seedling, State of Maine or St. Helena, and white Chenango potatoes, from E. W. Gardner, for which we award a premium of 50 cents.

Charles G. Coffin exhibited a box of specimens of Davis' Seedlings, Long Reds, State of Maine, White Apple, Pig Noses, and an unknown variety, for which we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

A basket of white Chenangoes was exhibited by Andrew M. Myrick, to whom we award a copy of the Patent Office Report.

A lot of handsome Reds, a donation to the Society, were shown by Mr. Myrick.

Fine samples of potatoes, raised by James T. Eldridge, from seed from California, for which we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

Very fine specimens from Bermuda seed, were shown by Nathaniel Barney, who also exhibited handsome long Reds and Chenangoes, for which we award a premium of 25 cents.

Fine samples of sweet potatoes were shown by Samuel B. Swain and James Thompson, to the latter of whom we award a premium of 25 cents, his being the finest specimens.

A sweet potato stalk, with potatoes attached, planted in June, was shown by E. W. Gardner.

## FRENCH TURNIPS.

For a very handsome lot exhibited by Asa P. Jones, from seed planted July 25th, we award a premium of 25 cents. A basket of Snowball do., Green Globe do., and common French do., were shown by E. W. Gardner, to whom we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

Samuel B. Swain and Joseph M. Folger exhibited handsome specimens of the common French Turnip, to each of whom we award a gratuity of 25 cents. Andrew M. Myrick and Edward Macy also exhibited handsome specimens of the same.

To William Rawson, for a basket of very handsome French Turnips, we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

English Turnips were shown by Andrew M. Myrick and Robert Folger,

raised on the common lands; also, a specimen by A. M. Myrick, from seed from the Patent Office, for which we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

## SUGAR CANE.

Of this, there were only four specimens on exhibition, which were about twelve feet in height, by Robert Ratliff, Lemuel Jones, Alexander Macy and Nathaniel Barney.

## CARROTS.

Specimens of orange carrots were shown by Asa P. Jones, of a very good growth, to whom we award a premium of 25 cents. A basket of the same was also shown by Edward W. Gardner. A very handsome lot was sent in by Edward C. Joy. A bunch of nice ones was sent in by Samuel B. Swain.

A very handsome lot of white Belgian carrots were exhibited by James Thompson, to whom we award a premium of 25 cents. Also, some short reds, from seed from the Patent Office, were on exhibition by Mr. Thompson.

## ONIONS.

A box of very fine large red onions was exhibited by Abraham Pease, to whom we award a gratuity of 50 cents.

A sample of the largest onions we ever saw was exhibited by Joseph Edwards, the ten largest weighing ten pounds, for which we award a premium of 50 cents.

A specimen of very large white onions was exhibited by Edward W. Gardner.

A basket of large white and another of red onions, were exhibited by Zenas L. Adams, to whom we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

Joseph M. Folger exhibited red and white of a very large size, for which we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

Benjamin B. Gardner exhibited a basket of very handsome large red and white, intermixed, for which we award a copy of the Patent Office Report.

The show of the great Wethersfield staple was remarkably large and *strong*—far better than that of last year.

## BEETS.

The show of this vegetable was not large. Some monstrous bloods were exhibited by Robert Ratliff, Samuel King and Timothy Taylor; and lots of smaller ones by E. W. Gardner and Eben M. Hinckley.

To Robert Ratliff and Samuel King we award a premium of 25 cts. each.

Edward H. Easton made a donation to the Society of one large red beet about eighteen inches in length—premium 25 cents.

A handsome lot was exhibited by Andrew M. Myrick, Joseph M. Folger and Charles G. Coffin.

#### CABBAGES.

Very handsome specimens of drum-head cabbages were presented to the Society by Samuel King, to whom we award a gratuity of 50 cents.

Fine specimens were exhibited by Reuben Swain, 4th, Charles G. Coffin, and Nathaniel Barney; also, a very good specimen by Joseph Morey, to whom we award a premium of 25 cents.

To Joseph M. Folger, the Committee award a copy of the Patent Office Report.

The show of this vegetable this year was much smaller than that of last year.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Specimens of citrons and water melons were shown by James Thompson.

Three specimens of the Imperial Sun Flower were exhibited by Jared W. Tracy, measuring fourteen inches in diameter.

Fine specimens of the purple Kohl Rabe were shown by James Thompson, Andrew M. Myrick and Asa P. Jones. Cauliflowers by James Thompson and Benjamin B. Gardner.

Samples of rye were sent in by Eben Hinckley and E. W. Gardner—both very handsome.

Marrow beans of large size, were exhibited by Zenas Fish, to whom we award a premium of 25 cents.

A bushel of fine cranberries was presented to the Society by John J. Gardner, to whom we award a copy of the Patent Office Report.

Edward Chase had some fine cranberries. Handsome specimens of growing cranberries were shown by John J. Gardner and E. W. Gardner, to each of whom we award a premium of 25 cents.

A box of very superior cranberries, by Charles G. Coggeshall, from the farm of Henry Swain, Polpis, were among the largest on exhibition.

A very handsome specimen of wheat was shown by Edward Macy, to whom we award a copy of the Patent Office Report. Also, a fine specimen by Joseph Morey, and some fine spring wheat by Edward Chase.

A box of very handsome hops was exhibited by Edward Macy, to whom we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

Specimens of wheat on the stalk, were shown by Joseph Morey and Andrew M. Myrick.

A box was entered by Robert Folger, containing four varieties of potatoes, some ears of corn, and two parsnips about eighteen inches in length.

A kind of cradle was entered by Nathaniel Barney, containing five kinds of corn, 4 specimens summer squashes, four do. winter do., two do. tomatoes, two kinds cabbage, three kinds potatoes, water melons, egg plants, parsnips and beets; all very fine specimens.

A fine castor bean plant was exhibited by Timothy Taylor; specimens of monstrous tomatoes by David Huntington.

Some fine Dioscorea Batatas, from James Thompson, to whom we award a premium of 25 cents. Also, another specimen by E. W. Gardner.

Lima and cranberry beans were exhibited by James Thompson.

*For the Committee,*

SAMUEL S. HUSSEY.

### Crops.

The Nantucket Agricultural Society's Committee on Field Crops, hereby report that they have not been able to make out a full report in time to be presented at this meeting, but they have ascertained the premiums which they will award in their full report will be as follows:—

|                                                  |              |        |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| To Zimri Cathcart, for his crop of corn,         | 1st premium, | \$5.00 |
| " Charles C. Folger, for his crop of carrots,    | 2d "         | 3.00   |
| " Arnold Morse, for his crop of wheat,           | 1st "        | 5.00   |
| " Joseph M. Folger, for his sugar cane,          | " "          | 3.00   |
| " Nathaniel Barney, for his crop of hay,         | " "          | 3.00   |
| " Asa P. Jones, for his crop of French turnips,  | " "          | 3.00   |
| " E. W. Gardner, for his crop of French turnips, | 2d "         | 2.00   |
| " E. W. Gardner, for his crop of potatoes,       | 1st "        | 6.00   |
| " Edward Chase, for his crop of cranberries,     | 1st "        | 3.00   |
| " Edward Chase, for his crop of strawberries,    | " "          | 3.00   |

Edward Chase offered a field of wheat for premium, but the quantity of land on which it grew, was not enough to entitle it to one; yet your Committee would give him a gratuity of \$2. All of which is respectfully submitted.

*For the Committee,*

EDWARD MACY.

## EDWARD CHASE'S STATEMENT.

Expense of raising one-quarter of an acre of strawberry vines:—

|                                           |                |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 26 loads manure, at 50 cents, . . . . .   | \$12.50        |
| Ploughing, . . . . .                      | 75             |
| Harrowing and raking, . . . . .           | 1.00           |
| 4000 vines at \$5 per thousand, . . . . . | 20.00          |
| About twenty days' labor, . . . . .       | 20.00          |
| Harvesting, . . . . .                     | 50.00          |
|                                           | <hr/> \$104.25 |

Cr.

By 700 boxes strawberries, at 33 cents per box, . . . 231.00

Balance in favor of crop, . . . . . \$126.75

This is according to the best of my knowledge.

EDWARD CHASE.

## SAMUEL B. SWAIN'S STATEMENT.

I had 1 1-4 acres of land at 'Seonset, which was top-dressed two years previously, and last year bore about one ton of hay to the acre. Last spring I put upon it about fourteen cords of barn manure and kelp to the acre, and planted it with corn; the result was as follows:—

|                                          |                |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 120 bushels Corn, at 80c., . . . . .     | \$96.00        |
| Stover, . . . . .                        | 20.00          |
|                                          | <hr/> \$116.00 |
| Cost of ploughing, . . . . .             | \$4.00         |
| Seed, . . . . .                          | 50             |
| One-half the manure, . . . . .           | 18.00          |
| Ploughing and hoeing, . . . . .          | 6.00           |
| Harvesting, . . . . .                    | 10.00          |
| Shelling, . . . . .                      | 2.00           |
| Interest on land and tax, . . . . .      | 7.00           |
|                                          | <hr/> 47.50    |
| Net profit on the 1 1-4 acres, . . . . . | \$68.50        |
| Or \$54.80 per acre.                     |                |

SAMUEL B. SWAIN.

## Fruit.

The Fruit Committee for 1857 have attended to the duties assigned them, and submit their report:—

They found one hundred and forty dishes, in all, of the different kinds,

from fifty contributors. Pears were in the ascendant, in quantity, in the number of varieties, and in the quality of the fruit. Thirty kinds were on exhibition.

James Thompson had nineteen sorts—in the opinion of the Committee, the best collection, and for which he is entitled to the first premium of \$3. Mr. Thompson's specimens were—Duchesse d'Orleans, Beurre d'Amalis, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Vicar of Winkfield, Grey Doyenne, Beurre Diel, Swan's Orange, Beurre Goubalt, White Doyenne, Flemish Beauty, Figue, Soldat Laboureur, Clairgeau, Colmar d'Aremberg, Dix, Jalousie de Fontenay, Urbaniste, Easter Beurre and Seckel.

E. H. Alley exhibited nine varieties—in the judgment of the Committee the second best collection, entitling him to a premium of \$2. Mr. Alley's varieties were—Clairgeau, Buffum, Vicar of Winkfield, Bartlett, Urbaniste, Napoleon, Dallas, Flemish Beauty, Beurre d'Aremberg and Bartlett, second crop.

Nathaniel Barney exhibited ten varieties—in the opinion of the Committee the third best collection, and worthy a premium of \$1.50. Mr. Barney's kinds were Glout Morceau, Beurre Diel, Andrews, Buffum, St. Ghislain, Dix, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Bartlett, Vicar of Winkfield and Winter Nelis.

The Committee noted and selected single dishes of pears of unusual beauty and excellence, and award premiums for them as follows:—

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Robert Ratliff, Bartlett pears, . . . . .     | \$2.00 |
| William M. Bates, Flemish Beauty, . . . . .   | 2.00   |
| Philip Macy, Grey Doyenne, . . . . .          | 1.00   |
| William R. Easton, Beurre d'Amalis, . . . . . | 1.00   |
| E. H. Alley, Clairgeau, . . . . .             | 1.00   |
| Lewis H. Wendel, Flemish Beauty, . . . . .    | 1.00   |
| Charles G. Coffin, Passe Colmar, . . . . .    | 1.00   |

There were also good specimens of pears exhibited by the following named gentlemen:—

E. W. Gardner, 6 varieties; S. Hodges, Bartletts, and pears for a name (Vicar of Winkfield); Thomas Macy, pears for names (Colmar d'Aremberg, Bartlett, Vicar of Winkfield, and Seckel); George Cartwright; William R. Easton; William Hadwen, pears for names (Beurre Diel and Duchesse d'Orleans); George Brown, pears for a name (Passe Colmar); Samuel King, 7 varieties; William M. Bates; Charles W. Gardner; Samuel C. Wyer, pears for a name (Flemish Beauty); Davis Gorham; William H. Geary, Jalousie de Fontenay; Edward F. Easton; Robert Ratliff; William Shaw, two varieties; William Starbuck, 3 varieties; Josiah Gorham,

Flemish Beauty, and dish of pears assorted, very fine; Robert Gillespie, and J. B. King. Franklin King of Dorchester, 10 varieties, exhibited by William M. Bates; S. H. Bushnell, from State farm at Westboro', and Charles H. Matthews of South Dartmouth.

#### APPLES.

Samuel King had 7 varieties on exhibition, for which, as the best collection, a premium of \$3 is awarded. Mr. King's apples were—Baldwin, Seek-no-further, Ladies' Sweeting, Grove, Pignonette, Swaar, and Willow Twig.

To James Thompson, for dish of fine Greenings, a premium of \$1.

Good specimens of apples, names unknown, were shown by Mrs. Chas. E. Starbuck (donation); Andrew M. Myrick; Charles H. Matthews of South Dartmouth, and Franklin King of Dorchester.

#### GRAPES

Were neither abundant nor fully ripe. Davis Gorham had the best lot of Isabella grapes, for which a premium of \$2 is awarded.

For the second best specimens of Isabella grapes, a premium of \$1, to Isaiah Folger.

Very good looking Isabella grapes were also shown by E. H. Alley, Nathaniel Barney, William H. Geary, James Thompson and Lemuel Jones.

James Thompson exhibited fine bunches of Diana, Black Prince and Rose Chasselas grapes, fully ripe.

Dr. Durfee of Fall River, exhibited 7 varieties of green house grapes, ripe and luscious.

#### QUINCES

Were abundant, and many were of superior size and quality. The Committee deemed those shown by E. W. Gardner, best, and entitled to a premium of \$1.

The specimens of E. H. Alley were marked second best, and were awarded a premium of 50 cents.

Fine large specimens were shown by Christopher Starbuck, Miss Anne Bunker, Thomas Macy, William H. Chase, Lewis H. Wendel, Mrs. Lydia Fitzgerald, Nathaniel Barney, Thomas Snow, Matthew Barney, George Brown, William H. Waitt, William M. Bates, John H. Shaw, very fine, Mrs. Mary M. Watson, James Macy and Josiah Gorham.

#### PEACHES.

Our show of peaches was limited. Thomas Macy exhibited beautiful specimens of President peach, large, ripe and excellent.

Good specimens of unnamed peaches, probably seedlings, were shown by Miss Eunice Coleman, Mrs. Mary C. Ewer, Isaiah Folger, James Ross, Jr., Willie Frank Barney, Miss Ann Barney, John W. Coleman, William H. Geary, Mrs. Thomas S. Sayer, Franklin King of Dorchester and S. H. Bushnell, State farm at Westboro'. Edward W. Gardner exhibited specimens of Morris Whites, and E. W. Cobb of Boston, a dish of superb late Crawford peaches.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

A beautiful orange tree, in fruit, was sent in by Thomas Macy, and added an exotic feature to the products of our colder climate.

A dish of handsome lemons, grown in a dwelling house, was shown by Mrs. William B. Mitchell, and attracted notice.

A dish of boxberries from Miss E. W. Joy, made a pretty appearance.

A basket of fruit from Mrs. George Starbuck, of ample dimensions, containing apples, pears, quinces, grapes, melons, peaches and other fruits. This basket, from its size, quantity of fruit, and elaborate arrangement of all its parts, attracted much attention.

A basket of assorted fruit from James Thompson, very attractive and inviting.

A dish of mace, and nutmegs in the shell, was shown by Capt. Peter G. Smith.

Strawberry tomatoes were shown by Master James M. Thompson and by Mr. E. H. Alley. A jar of the same kind of fruit, handsomely preserved, by Mrs. Samuel B. Swain. Your Committee are able to testify to its excellent flavor as well as to its fine appearance.

Having completed the enumeration of the specimens and articles which it was our province to examine, the Committee have only to say that enough has already been done to demonstrate that certain kinds of fruit can be grown here with entire success. It must be a satisfaction to the pioneers in this enterprise, to see their efforts crowned with such satisfactory results. The impulse is given and the work will go on.

The varieties of fruits in cultivation, as of pears and apples, are so numerous, their peculiar characteristics so important to be known, as it respects hardiness, rapidity or slowness of growth, age for fruiting, beauty, size and quality of fruit, and manner of ripening,—in all these respects the different kinds vary so greatly, that much discrimination is necessary in making our selections, to the end that while we are cultivating a tree, we may know what kind of fruit to expect from it, and *when* to expect it. All the knowledge that is required to begin with, can be readily obtained by

the least informed from those who are somewhat initiated, and further progress can only be made by individual labor, research and observation.

*For the Committee,*

J. B. KING, *Chairman.*

### Horses.

The Committee on Horses award the following premiums:—

|                                                         |        |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| To John J. Gardner, for the best mare and colt,         | \$3.00 |
| “ E. W. Gardner, for second best do.,                   | 2.00   |
| “ Whitney & Gardner, for the best three years old colt, | 3.00   |
| “ William Starbuck, for the best one year old colt,     | 1.00   |
| “ Arnold Morse, for the best two year old colt,         | 2.00   |

Jacob Gibbs presented a very likely grey colt, and Joseph M. Folger a very fine colt, four months old.

*For the Committee,*

WILLIAM R. EASTON.

### Herds of Cows.

There were three herds of cows on exhibition—one by Zimri Cathcart, one by Joseph M. Folger, and one by Andrew M. Myrick. As two of the Committee on herds of cows were owners of two of the herds on exhibition, they declined serving, and Messrs. William R. Coffin and Allen Smith were chosen to act, (with their companion Mr. Burgess T. Simmons,) in their stead, which was done and reported by them as follows: 1st premium of \$8 we award to Andrew M. Myrick, for the best herd of five cows; 2d premium of \$5 we award to Joseph M. Folger, for the second best herd.

*For the Committee,*

ANDREW M. MYRICK.

### Working Oxen.

The Committee on working oxen and steers, report:—That they award the first premium for working oxen, to Charles Starbuck, \$4; the second, to Joseph Vincent, \$3; the first premium on steers, to Joseph Vincent, \$3; the second, to Albert Easton, \$2.

*For the Committee,*

E. C. JOY.

### Cows and Heifers.

Your Committee having heard the statements of the owners of part of the stock, and examined the balance on exhibition, have decided according to the best of their judgment as to the quality of them, and report as follows:

First premium of \$4, we award to Capt. Shubael Worth, his statement saying that his cow is six years old, and gave from time of calving, April 27, 1857, to Aug. 1st, from 16 to 22 quarts milk per day, her feed being grass and 1-4 bushel fine and coarse feed per day. October 1st, gave from 11 to 13 quarts milk per day, her feed being grass and cornstalks.

Second premium of \$3, we award to James Thompson, for his (hornless) cow, which, by his statement, averaged for five months after calving, Feb. 5, 1857, 17 quarts milk per day; her feed was English hay, with one quart meal and two quarts canal per day, for the first three months; and grass, with two quarts meal and two quarts canal the following two months.

Capt. Edward W. Gardner entered two cows. Molly, (with a very nice calf 9 months old, by her side) which averaged, according to his statement, 15 quarts milk per day, for 5 months. Buffalo, Sally, which averaged 13 1-2 quarts milk per day, for 5 months. There was no statement given of their feed; they were both fine-looking animals.

Charles H. Clark entered three cows; one which gave 15 quarts milk per day, after calving, and averaged about 10 quarts per day for 8 months. One grey cow and one red do., all of which, in our opinion, were excellent cows.

Nathan Gibbs entered one very nice-looking cow, showing marks of the Durham breed.

Matthew Starbuck entered one nice-looking roan cow, on exhibition, which we thought was a great improvement to our show. Should have been pleased to have had a statement of her feed and milk.

### HEIFERS.

There were twenty-three heifers on exhibition; four by Arnold Morse, four by Albert C. Folger, three by Benjamin B. Gardner, two by Joseph M. Folger, one by Zimri Cathcart, one by Joseph Vincent, one by Benjamin Sheffield, one by Shubael Worth, one by Edward F. Joy, and one by Andrew M. Myrick.

We award the premium of \$3 to Edward Macy, for the best three year

old, she being a very nice-looking animal, and the only single three year old heifer on the ground; all the others of that age being in the herds of five cows.

We award the premium of \$2 to Capt. Zimri Cathcart, for the best two year old, and a gratuity of \$1 to Edward F. Joy, for his two year old, which we thought worthy of a premium.

The heifer exhibited by Joseph Vincent, was twenty-eight months old, and a beautiful looking animal. We would recommend your giving Mr. Vincent a Patent Office Report. We would also recommend by request of one of our Committee (Mr. Burgess T. Simmons), that you give Joseph M. Folger and Andrew M. Myrick, a Patent Office Report, for the show of their yearlings, which in his opinion, were second to none on the ground. And in the opinion of the Committee, Benjamin Sheffield is deserving of a Patent Office Report, for his yearling, which attracted much attention.

Your Committee would say, that the stock on exhibition was much better than they were expecting to see; and they were glad to perceive a disposition on the part of the farmers, to improve the stock on our Island. They would recommend to the farmers to be particular in selecting their stock, and breed from pure blood as much as possible; as there is more care needed than has been heretofore manifested.

Before closing this report, we would say there was an omission on the part of most of the owners of the stock exhibited, to furnish statements as required by the rules of the Society in regard to the feed, quantity of milk given by them, &c., which left us to judge of their merits from such information as we could get at the show ground, and from our own examination. The most of the stock on exhibition, in the opinion of your Committee, was of excellent quality. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANDREW M. MYRICK, *Chairman.*

## Bulls.

### Your Committee on Bulls, report—

That the whole number on exhibition was six. One full-blooded Ayrshire, owned by the Nantucket Agricultural Society, two years old, showed many marks of excellence and promise of large growth—he having gained in weight on common pasture, 232 pounds in 115 days; and in the opinion of your Committee, is worthy of the first premium, \$15.

One three years old, of mixed blood, entered by Arnold Morse, was awarded the second premium, \$5.

To one four years old, of mixed blood, entered by Obed Starbuck, we award the third premium, \$3.

There were three yearlings, all natives, entered by Zimri Cathcart, Charles C. Folger and Benjamin B. Gardner, all very good looking animals.

In conclusion, the Chairman of the Committee submits the following remarks; he alone being responsible for them:

No one, I presume, will question, for a moment, that our native stock can be improved; but the question then arises, in what way can it be done best and with the least expense, and to this point I wish to call your attention. I believe that it is admitted by both scientific and practical observers, that the *male* has far more influence than the *female* in fixing the characteristics of the offspring. Therefore, I believe that your society can in no way do as much to improve the cows of this county, as by increasing the amount of premiums on blood bulls; and I would recommend that in future no premiums be offered on bulls, except on such animals as are known in pedigree and of pure blood. And I would also recommend to farmers generally, to dispense, as far as possible, with bulls of a nondescript character, and to avail themselves of such as are known to be of pure blood.

*For the Committee,*

ALLEN SMITH.

### Sheep.

Your Committee appointed to make awards upon Sheep, make the following report:

There were lots of one ram and five ewes each, on the ground, brought by Joseph M. Folger and Jacob Gibbs. We decide that Mr. Folger's ram was the best, and Mr. Gibbs' ewes the best; therefore we consider that the award should be the same to each person, viz., \$1.50 to Mr. Folger, and \$1.50 to Mr. Gibbs. We consider both parties entitled to great credit for their efforts in improving the stock of sheep.

H. G. O. DUNHAM, } Committee.  
JOSEPH VINCENT. }

### Swine.

Your Committee on Swine would report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and are of the opinion that the sow and pigs entered by Albert Easton, were decidedly the best, and therefore award him the first premium of \$3, and a copy of the Patent Office Report.

To Andrew M. Myrick, for the best boar, we award the first premium of \$2.

In conclusion, your Committee would say, that they find themselves in the same situation as the Committee of last year—compelled to express a regret that so few swine were offered for exhibition and premium. And if we ask the question why so few are offered, we take it the answer would be simply this: that the small premiums offered do not compensate for the risk and trouble of transporting them to and from the show grounds.— And your Committee seeing the importance of having a greater exhibition of this most valuable animal, would suggest to the society, that in future it might be well to present the farmers with an additional money motive by raising the amount of premiums offered.

*For the Committee,*

ALLEN SMITH.

### Poultry.

The Committee on Poultry, have attended to the duties assigned them, and awarded the following premiums:

#### BARNYARD FOWLS.

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| Zimri Cathcart, first premium,  | \$3.00 |
| James Thompson, second premium, | 2.00   |
| Andrew R. Worth, third premium, | 1.00   |

#### DUCKS.

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| Thomas Ellis, first premium, | \$2.00 |
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*For the Committee,*

HENRY D. ROBINSON.

### Plowing.

The Committee on Plowing, report:—

The land plowed was 15 rods. Joseph Vincent plowed 15 rods in 17 minutes, with two young horses and a boy to drive, who fully understood his business. The furrow was handsomely turned, flat and even. The Committee award him the first premium, \$4.

William Bartlett plowed the same number of rods in 26 minutes, with a pair of steers; the furrow was rather deeper, but was not turned so handsomely. The Committee award him the second premium, \$3.

Joseph M. Folger used a team of one pair of steers, and accomplished the task in 37 minutes. To him the Committee award the third premium, \$2.

E. W. Gardner, a team of two horses, which had not been used for plowing but once before; they did their work in 20 minutes; the furrow was of good depth, but rather uneven.

The plowing was generally too shallow. The Committee recommend that on the next trial, the depth be fixed beforehand; then it will be very plain to see who does his work the best.

*For the Committee,*

ARNOLD MORSE.

### Forest Trees.

Nantucket Island, if we believe our ancestors, was once well covered with the trees of our forests; oak, pine, maple, beach, &c., &c. The frames of our old mansions tell the same tale, for the enduring white oak is found hard and solid after nearly two hundred years of use, as corner posts or rafters, to our good old fashioned, comfortable houses, which always fronted South, by compass. By some mismanagement of our fathers, the island was entirely cleared of forest trees, and left naked and bare. But the good sense of some of our inhabitants has led them to plant the seeds of the hardy pine, and a free and rapid growth is the result; for many acres of them are now growing, some as high as eight feet or more,\* and soon the monotony of our level plains, will be broken by a growth of young trees.

To help bring about so desirable a result, the Nantucket Agricultural Society have declared a premium of five dollars, for the best lot of pine or other forest trees, of not less than five acres, from seed planted within five years, and for the second best lot, a premium of three dollars.

The Committee appointed to examine this matter, have awarded to Edward W. Gardner the first premium of five dollars, for five acres of pines, planted in May, 1856. The ground is very profusely covered with them, and many of them are over twelve inches high at this time. No other lot was entered, with the conditions all complied with.

*For the Committee,*

JOHN H. SHAW.

\* Should be fifteen feet.

### Fruit Trees.

The Nantucket Agricultural Society offered a premium of three dollars

for the best lot of Fruit Trees, not less than twenty in number, and set out within three years. And for the second best, a premium of two dollars. This may encourage the planting of fruit trees, and if so, is wisely done; good ripe fruit is every way conducive to health, and the ease with which we can raise the grape, the quince and the pear, may lead us to hope for all the other fruits natural to our temperate clime.

The committee on Fruit Trees, award to E. H. Alley the first premium of \$3, for the best lot of fruit trees, and the second premium of \$2, to Samuel King.

*For the Committee,*

JOHN H. SHAW.

### Flowers.

The Committee appointed to award premiums for Flowers, report as follows:—

The array of Flowers we believe to have been superior to any exhibition ever before made on Nantucket. Mrs. James Thompson presented the greatest variety, which were arranged with excellent taste, the combination of colors being most happily conceived; and to her we award a premium of \$2.

Mrs. Alanson Swain presented the greatest quantity, including choice Verbenas, Roses, Salvias, &c., and to her we award \$2.

To Mr. Lewis H. Wendel, for the best display of Dahlias, \$1.

To Mrs. William Starbuck, for the next best, 50 cents.

To Mrs. Dr. King, for a fine collection of flowers in a beautiful moss vase, \$1. To Mr. E. H. Alley, for rare flowers, 75 cents. To Master John W. B. Hallett, whose bouquets deserved much credit, 75 cents.

Dr. John T. Metcalf presented a fine Crassula; Mr. Nathaniel Barney, a very thriving Lantana; and Mrs. Charles Wood, a beautiful Tuberose; an award of 25 cents is made to each of them.

Mrs. Francis S. Mitchell exhibited much skill in the arrangement of flowers in the form of a harp; a premium of 75 cents is granted to her.

To Mr. Cromwell Barnard, Jr., we award 50 cents for the tasteful arrangement of a great quantity of flowers, which were much admired.

The Committee would be glad to make awards to many others; but having provided for the amount placed at their disposal, they are unable to do so. They would, however, mention, as deserving of praise, the beautiful arrangement by Mrs. George Starbuck, of flowers raised by Mrs. Eliza Pollard; of some brought from the garden of Dr. Durfee, of Fall River; of others from Messrs. Curtis & Cobb, of Boston; a choice collection in a

basket from Mrs. G. W. Macy ; beautiful bouquets from Miss E. H. Swain, and Miss Rachael Swain ; and a splendid lot of Dahlias from Capt. E. W. Gardner. Mrs. J. Rogers, and Miss Anna Wood exhibited mats ingeniously formed from Dahlias.

The arrangement of Flora's Temple by Mrs. C. E. Coffin, received much admiration.

Your Committee would earnestly recommend to their fellow-citizens to strive for a greater display of pot-plants at the next Annual Fair.

Submitted by

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| ALFRED MACY,        | } Committee. |
| CATHARINE STARBUCK, |              |
| SARAH B. SWAIN,     |              |

### Bread and Cake.

The Committee on Bread and Cake have attended to the duty assigned them, and report—

That Mrs. Andrew M. Myrick presented a loaf of white and two loaves of brown bread, each made from native wheat, and all of superior quality, which the Committee think entitled to the first premium of \$1.

Mrs. Maguinity presented two loaves of brown bread, very excellent, for which the Committee award a gratuity of 50 cents.

Mrs. Mary A. Ruberg exhibited a loaf of very good brown bread, for which the Committee think her entitled to a gratuity of 25 cents.

Mrs. Asa P. Jones offered a loaf of very nice white bread ; they also award her a gratuity of 25 cents.

Catharine Orker presented some very superior tea biscuit, and a loaf of white bread of excellent quality, for which she is entitled to much praise, and the Committee also award her a gratuity of 25 cents.

Under this head they would also report that Mrs. Judith Nye exhibited two loaves of "fancy cake," and a loaf of sponge cake, which the Committee deem worthy a gratuity of 50 cents.

Mrs. Susan Folger offered frosted loaf, or black cake, and fruit cake without frosting—all of superior quality, for which they award a gratuity of 50 cents.

In this connection it may not be inappropriate to make a passing remark upon the gratuities of cake, blanc-mange, ice-cream, &c., which were handed in from different families as refreshments for the tables, the proceeds of which go to enlarge the receipts of the Fair. They are *silent* but *effective* testimonials in its behalf, which should not be overlooked in a gen-

eral recapitulation. One kind lady of 87, Mrs. Eunice Lawrence, herself unable to attend the Fair, showed her interest in it by sending a loaf of choice plum cake. While the articles sent were of the very best in kind, it is but just to thank the contributors for their generous gifts.

EUNICE HADWEN, }  
 LYDIA P. MACY, } Committee.  
 EUNICE COLEMAN, }

### Honey.

The Committee on Honey submit the following report:—

Nathaniel Barney exhibited a box as it was taken from the hive, weighing 15 1-2 pounds, which the Committee think entitled to the premium of \$2.

Edward W. Gardner, another box of less weight, that appeared very fine, but not tasted by the Committee.

Mrs. George Myrick presented a smaller quantity of very excellent quality; also, a bottle of pressed honey, that appeared very fine. She also presented a beautiful specimen of beeswax.

EUNICE HADWEN, }  
 LYDIA P. MACY, } Committee.  
 EUNICE COLEMAN, }

### Fancy Articles.

The Committee on Fancy Articles would report as follows:—

The Committee of last year recommended to the Society to define the kinds of work to which premiums should be awarded. The failure of the Society to act upon this suggestion, devolves upon the Committee the arduous and unsatisfactory task of discriminating among a great variety of articles of almost equal merit. The array of Fancy Articles was extensive and imposing. The general industry and interest manifested in this department are much to be commended, and added greatly to the success of the exhibition. From the great quantity of beautiful worsted work, the Committee would select the following for premium:—

Mrs. John W. Cartwright, a head of Christ, in single stitch, of the finest workmanship, for which we would award a premium of \$1. To Miss

Sarah H. Gardner, for screen and seat, the Committee would award a premium of \$1. Mrs. Charles E. Coffin exhibited a number of handsome pieces of work, which received the premium last year. Mrs. T. W. Calder exhibited a fancy piece embroidered in worsted, very life-like, and finely executed. Mrs. Letitia Sandsbury exhibited a worsted picture, for which the Committee would award a gratuity of 50 cents. Joseph Holley exhibited a pair of slippers, handsomely worked. We would make honorable mention of the following articles: Two crickets by Mrs. W. M. Bates, of very fine workmanship; two ottomans by Miss Ellen M. Easton, very handsome; a cricket exhibited by a lady 87 years old, wonderfully well wrought, deserving of notice; a pair of slippers by Master F. C. Alley, were very neatly worked; a handsome piece of worsted work by Mrs. Joseph Austin; Miss Lucy Bradbury, a beautiful worsted tidy; a raised worsted lampmat, by Miss Emily Weeks, very handsome and tasteful; a worsted tidy by Miss Anna Cobb, an elegant pattern and very beautiful, also a raised worsted lamp mat, very handsome; Mrs. William Hadwen a handsome worsted tidy; slippers by Miss Lizzie Lovell, exceedingly handsome; a bag done in worsted, by Miss Elizabeth Chase, aged 74, remarkably well executed; a cushion done in raised worsted, by Miss Margaret Montgomery, very handsome, and attracted much notice; a very beautiful cricket by Mrs. Charles C. Folger. Great taste and skill were evinced in the execution of all these articles.

#### CROCHET WORK.

Miss Amanda L. Folger exhibited a crochet set, for which the Committee would award a premium of \$1. To Mrs. Phebe Coleman, aged 76, for two worsted and two cotton crochet tidies, we would award a gratuity of 50 cents. To those ladies whose years number four score, and whose fingers it would be supposed time had robbed of their dexterity, much praise is due for their patient and successful efforts in behalf of the Society. Miss Eunice Ross exhibited a crochet basket with cover, and tidy, deemed worthy a premium of \$1. Several other ladies exhibited articles of crochet, very neatly done. We would make honorable mention of napkin rings done by Mrs. Charles C. Folger—very useful as well as ornamental articles.

#### LEATHER WORK.

But few articles of this description were exhibited. Mrs. Charles C. Folger exhibited a leather-work picture frame, for which we would award a premium of \$1; Mrs. Charles E. Coffin exhibited a picture frame of pretty design, of which we would make honorable mention.

#### MOSS AND SHELL WORK.

Most beautiful specimens of these kinds of work were offered, showing

great taste and skill on the part of the exhibitors. Of these we would award to Mrs. George R. Folger, for a very handsome shell basket, a premium of \$1. Miss Mary P. Swain exhibited a beautiful shell basket, for which we would award a premium of \$1. Mrs. Sturgis and several others exhibited very fine specimens. Miss Hepsibeth Hussey exhibited a moss basket, not entered for premium, which attracted great attention, not only for the brilliant colors of the mosses, but the taste shown in their arrangement. To Mrs. Sarah H. Briggs, for a book of pressed mosses, exquisitely beautiful, we would award a premium of \$1; Mrs. Briggs also exhibited beautiful specimens of mosses in a frame. We would make honorable mention of shell boxes by Mr. James Rogers, made of very minute shells, tastefully and patiently arranged in hours of convalescence. Mrs. F. B. Murphey exhibited a house made of beautiful shells, of which we would make honorable mention. Miss Emilie F. Coffin exhibited a handsome moss picture frame, and E. A. Chinery a moss basket, with ingenious framework of beans, which we especially deem worthy of notice. A very handsome moss basket, with natural fruit, by Miss Anna L. Wood, told much for the taste and skill of the young lady. The many specimens of her handiwork in different parts of the exhibition, were evidences of her ingenuity and originality of design. An anchor covered with sea weeds from our shores, was also exhibited by Miss Wood.

#### EMBROIDERY.

Much beautiful embroidery was exhibited. To Mrs. James Rogers, for embroidery designed and executed by herself, we would award a premium of \$1. To Mrs. Charles E. Coffin, also, for handsome embroidery, we would award a premium of \$1. Miss Emilie F. Coffin exhibited a show case of beautiful embroidery, for which we would award a premium of \$1. In cambric embroidery, Mrs. Benjamin S. Morton exhibited a pair of sleeves and collar of perfect workmanship, deemed worthy of a premium of \$1. Miss Anna Ray exhibited some beautiful embroidery of very fine workmanship, for which we would award a premium of \$1. Miss Ellen Morse exhibited a skirt remarkably well embroidered, of an elaborate pattern, of which we would make honorable mention; Miss Lydia M. Ray exhibited embroidered undersleeves, very neatly done; Miss Lottie Ray a piece of embroidery beautifully wrought and of difficult pattern. Miss Martha B. Crosby exhibited a pair of suspenders beautifully worked with silk. We would make honorable mention of the following articles:—A pair of slippers embroidered with braid, by Mrs. William C. Gardner; a pair of slippers embroidered with braid, by Miss Lilla Barnard, aged 12 years.

## PAINTING AND DRAWING.

George G. Fish exhibited a colored crayon—"The Good Shepherd"—for which we would award a premium of \$2, and Diploma. Mrs. E. W. Gardner exhibited a beautiful oil painting of Evangeline, by G. G. Fish, not entered for premium. We would make honorable mention of a very fine colored crayon of St. Therese, by William Fish. Master Frederick C. Alley exhibited a crayon drawing, for which we would award the Society's Diploma. Miss Margaret G. Perry exhibited the best pencil sketch, for which we would award a premium of \$1. We would make honorable mention of a pencil sketch of fruit by Miss E. P. Sherman. Mrs. George R. Folger and Miss Anna Wood exhibited handsome specimens of Grecian painting; Miss Susan A. Hussey exhibited a very good painting. Several specimens were exhibited of a new style of painting, the Egyptian, of which we would gladly, if possible, make more than honorable mention. Mrs. Eliza Mitchell and Mrs. Alanson Swain exhibited very beautiful specimens of this unique style—representations of flowers of gorgeous colors. Miss Phebe G. Starbuck, 13 years old, exhibited a very fine Egyptian painting.

## QUILTS.

A number of quilts were exhibited, of great variety and excellent workmanship. To Mrs. Phebe Cottle, for the most neatly made quilts, we would award a premium of \$1. Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Sarah Hiller, Mrs. Creasy, Mrs. Nancy Swain, Mrs. Hepsa Burgess, Mrs. George Cobb, and Mrs. Thomas S. Sayer, exhibited quilts showing great ingenuity and skill with the needle.

## NEEDLE WORK.

Mrs. Mary C. Ewer exhibited an infant's dress, very elaborate, and made in the neatest manner, for which we would award a premium of \$1. A lady's cap of beautiful workmanship, wrought by Mrs. Eliza Nicholson, attracted much attention. Mrs. Andrew J. Morton exhibited cushions, neatly made and very handsome, for which we would award a premium of \$1. We would make honorable mention of a beautiful needle-book, by Miss Augusta Barnard.

## WAX FLOWERS.

Mrs. George R. Folger exhibited elegant specimens of wax flowers, rivaling their models in beauty, for which we would award a premium of \$1. We would make honorable mention of handsome specimens of wax flowers by Mrs. Letitia Sandsbury.

## FANCY CHAIRS AND TABLES.

Benjamin W. Clisby exhibited a table and chair, for which we would award a premium of \$2. R. F. Macy exhibited a chair of superior finish, for which we would award the Society's Diploma. Handsome fancy chairs were exhibited by Miss Martha W. Burdick and Mrs. Peleg Ray. Mrs. Martha Wood exhibited a beautiful fancy table made by herself.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Many other articles were offered which we deem worthy of attention. To Miss Watery Brock, aged 86, who exhibited some stockings knit with great nicety, the Committee award a premium of \$1. To Abigail Borden, aged 78, for a carpet pieced and woven by herself, we would award a gratuity of 50 cents. Mrs. Roland Coleman exhibited two pairs of undersleeves, well knit, and two tidies neatly netted. Miss Martha B. Crosby exhibited a very handsome knit blanket, also some knit tidies of superior workmanship. We would award the Society's Diploma to Mrs. Hannah M. Fosdick, for very fine specimens of indelible ink marking, very handsomely written cards, and the Lord's Prayer very ingeniously written within the circle of a three cent piece. To Mrs. C. E. Rexford, for three cushion coverings done in indelible ink, we would award a gratuity of 50 cents. We would notice a cushion exhibited by Mrs. Lydia Coffin, aged 76 years; a clipper ship made by Henry Dawson; a cone basket, exhibited by Mrs. Sally Chase; 8 pairs of mittens and a mat, by Mrs. Temperance Allen; holders, remarkably well made, by Mrs. Lydia Worth, a lady aged 91, partially blind. To Miss Margaret S. Getchell, for grasses tastefully arranged and carefully classified, we would award a premium of \$1. Miss Sarah F. Barnard exhibited a tiny set of furniture made from the pith of a plant, which attracted much notice and was much admired. Mrs. Sturgis and Mrs. Charles C. Folger exhibited handsome cane picture frames. We would award a premium of \$1 to Mrs. Roland F. Coffin, for a handsome pair of Potichomania vases. Mrs. Sarah Davis exhibited a bureau covering of very nice workmanship, and its pattern of flowers and fruits rendered it well adapted to such an exhibition. Mrs. Susan Myrick, aged 82, exhibited a rag mat, well made, and showing great industry. A very pretty braided mat was exhibited by Mrs. Thomas.

In conclusion, the Committee regret that the limited sum placed at their disposal, has prevented an award of premiums to the contributors of many articles of great merit.

*Signed,*

MRS. F. M. MITCHELL,  
 " ALANSON SWAIN,  
 " C. C. FOLGER,  
 " S. B. SWAIN.

### Manufactured Articles.

On exhibition by Charles H. Gibbs, six kinds of soap ; including toilet and domestic, all very nice, and for which we would award a Diploma, and we would recommend those in want to try his manufacture.

On exhibition by Pinkham & Starbuck, four sizes Air-Tight Stoves, very nicely made, and good articles of the kind.

On exhibition by Harrison Gardner, for a premium, a miniature horse, harness, box wagon and stable, all well designed, for which we award 50 cents.

On exhibition by Deborah B. Westgate, a miniature bureau, every part complete.

On exhibition by Henry S. Wyer, a miniature horse, harness and box wagon, made and painted by Benjamin W. Clisby, all very well executed.

On exhibition by Charles T. Jones, a miniature wheelbarrow.

On exhibition by James N. Hammond, and made by him, a pair of jeweller's scales, for which we would award him \$1.

On exhibition by William H. Farnham, four mortars, very nice articles, similar to those exhibited by him last year, and for which he received a premium.

On exhibition, No. 80, a cask holding but one quart, and made from 365 staves, in the year 1811, by Joshua Gruber.

On exhibition by James Hazzard, a good display of wooden ladles and spoons.

On exhibition by George E. Smith, a garden hoe, of novel construction, for which we award him 25 cents.

On exhibition by Pitman Moore, the ship "A Notion of my Own," an original model, copied from no book, and drafted by no mechanic, Egad ! She seemed a wicked looking craft ; a young salt remarked that there was but little difference in size between the mizzen backstay and pennant halliards. She was bark rigged, and attracted much attention ; there being no other of that class for competition, we award him a gratuity of 25 cents.

On exhibition by Robert F. Macy, a child's rocking chair, made and upholstered by him ; also an antique chair, and specimens of picture frames, for which we award him \$2, and a Diploma.

On exhibition by Charles G. Coggeshall, a very fine covered hand basket.

On exhibition by John M. Pinkham, a nest of seven finely made baskets, very neat.

On exhibition by Reuben G. Folger, a centre table made from the wood of a locust tree, of native growth, richly inlaid with the same, and a beautiful piece of workmanship ; also, an antique chair, wood from the Sand-

wich Islands, elaborately carved, and very fine; also, a work box, richly inlaid with diamond work, &c., a beautiful specimen, and will bear close inspection; also, a needle case and a snuff box, made from locust, very neatly done, and a mastiff, carved by the same, for all of which we award for premium, \$2 and a Diploma.

On exhibition by Miss Eliza P. Sherman, a unique work table, made in a Russian prison.

On exhibition by James Thompson, Agent, a sewing machine, of the manufacture of Hunt, Webster & Co., Boston. Those that have tried it, pronounce it the best yet exhibited in our market.

On exhibition by Miss Christina F. Porte, two pairs ladies' gaiter boots.

On exhibition by Hussey & Robinson, samples of printing of various patterns and styles, neatly executed, and worthy of note.

On exhibition by Abigail Boardman, aged 78 years, a roll of 20 yards of "Hit or Miss" carpet, made by herself.

On exhibition by Daniel Whitney, three ivory toy mortars, fine specimens of turning, and well worthy of a notice in this report.

On exhibition by J. N. V. Sweet, a case of boots and shoes from his manufactory, containing samples of work by Asa P. Jones, William M. Wyer, Gideon F. Swain, John Young, Henry F. Cathcart, Mrs. Jane Clark and J. N. V. Sweet, for which we award a premium of \$2, and a Diploma.

On exhibition by Wm. Summerhays, specimens of ambrotypes; in one frame we notice the pleasant faces of our worthy bank President and Directors, which were not so elongated as of late. The specimens were very life-like, and well executed.

On exhibition by William H. Skinner, Nathan H. Manter and William Barney, bone and ivory swifts, for winding silk, &c.; the committee pronounce them rare specimens of workmanship, and award to Wm. H. Skinner a premium for the best, of 50 cents.

On exhibition by Mrs. Getchell, "The Evening Star," a fine ship made at sea, a beautiful specimen of workmanship; the sails are made of the bark of a tree, and stand out in bold relief, and the whole makes a very fine picture.

On exhibition by Miss Anna Wood, a jar of mixed pickles, which would have done the noted Davis, of Boston, credit.

On exhibition by E. H. Alley, James Thompson, Wm. H. Chase, Alex. G. Hussey, George E. Smith and Isaiah Folger, samples of Syrup from the Chinese Sugar Cane, which gave good promise of what may be done in that line of cultivation, which is yet in its infancy. The committee noticed quite a difference in the consistency and color of the different samples, and

award the first premium of \$1 to Isaiah Folger, and the second of 50 cents to Alex. G. Hussey.

Mrs. Wm. H. Chase, a lot of ginger cake, made from syrup exhibited by Mr. Chase, which was pronounced very good.

Mrs. E. A. Chinery, a unique chair made in 1727, a good specimen of olden times.

Mrs. George Myrick, two samples of wine made from the Isabella grape by Mrs. M. The committee *tried* it, and feel bound to say that the vintage of 1855, which contained a *little* brandy, was rather better appreciated by them, and for which they award a premium of \$1.

C. H. Packard, of Campello, Mass, two very fine Melodeons, (so pronounced by competent judges.) Mr. Packard is a dealer in Piano Fortes, Melodeons, Organ Harmoniums, &c., and for the exquisite tone and finish of those on exhibition, we award the Diploma of the Society.

There were many other articles of various kinds of manufacture, both of foreign and home make, that were on exhibition and attracted much attention, mention of which the committee would like to make, but which would more properly appear in a more general report of the whole Fair.

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| ALANSON SWAIN,     | } Committee. |
| GEORGE W. MACY,    |              |
| EDWARD C. HAMMOND, |              |

### Butter.

The Committee to whom was intrusted the business of examining the quality of Butter, have attended to the duty, and give their opinion, that among the several lots offered for premium, that of Mrs. Catharine Starbuck is entitled to the first premium of \$3, and that of Mrs. Asa P. Jones, to the second premium of \$2. A lot offered by Mrs. Albert Easton was of excellent quality, and a lot by Mrs. Joseph M. Folger, also appeared very handsome. There was a small parcel sent by Mrs. Eunice Swain, which gained much praise, but the quantity did not reach the amount required to entitle it to consideration for premium. Mrs. Susan Rawson again offered her box for inspection, neatly arranged. The committee think proper here to remark that the style in which Mrs. R. offers her butter, commends itself so forcibly to their admiration, that they deem it not inappropriate to describe it here. She has a large tin box, perhaps twenty inches in diameter, and four or five in depth, upon the bottom of which she places a wet napkin. On this surface, the butter, weighed in half pound balls, and neatly stamped, is laid, and covered with a wet napkin, which prevents the butter

from greasing the cloth, and thereby presenting an unseemly appearance. Over the whole a tin cover is fitted, which effectually excludes the air. When the box is opened, a most delicious odor arises from the butter, as the tin gives no scent at all. This is not the case when a box is used made of soft wood. The butter then becomes impregnated with the smell of the box, and its fragrance is much injured thereby. No cleansing effectually prevents it, and it is in this view that we recommend the use of tin boxes.

Some Agricultural writer has recently said that "Man is a slave to Butter." The truth of this assertion cannot be denied when we admit that it enters into the composition of almost every article of food prepared for the table. Since this is the case, how necessary it is that the art of making and preserving it sweet and pure, should be brought to the highest degree of perfection. Then let our fair dairy women sometimes take counsel with each other upon the subject, and in these discussions of experience, improved ideas will often be elicited.

ELIZA BARNEY, } Committee.  
PHEBE H. GARDNER, }

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

FINANCES TO NOV. 30, 1857.

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|----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Amount received from the Commonwealth, | \$200 00          |
| Income of the permanent fund,          | 61 30             |
| Amount received of new members,        | 52 00             |
| “ “ as donations,                      | 3 25              |
| “ “ from other sources,                | 859 79            |
|                                        | <u>\$1,176 34</u> |

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total amount of premiums paid out,                                                  | 164 00            |
| Current expenses for the year, not including the }<br>premiums and gratuities paid, | 750 76            |
| Total amount of personal property                                                   | 261 58            |
|                                                                                     | <u>\$1,176 34</u> |

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|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| Whole amount of premiums offered,           | \$329 00 |
| “ “ “ and gratuities awarded,               | 246 50   |
| Total amount of disbursements for the year, | 914 76   |
| Whole amount of capital stock invested,     | 1030 00  |

## ANALYSIS OF PREMIUMS AND GRATUITIES AWARDED.

|                                                          |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Amount awarded for ploughing, at the exhibition,         | \$9 00 |
| “ “ for orchards of all kinds,                           | 5 00   |
| “ “ cranberries,                                         | 3 00   |
| Total amount offered for farm improvements, above named, | 26 00  |
| “ “ awarded for “ “                                      | 17 00  |
| “ “ actually paid out for improvements,                  | 17 00  |

## FARM STOCK.

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Amount awarded for bulls,            | 23 00  |
| “ “ for milch cows,                  | 20 00  |
| “ “ for heifers,                     | 6 00   |
| “ “ working oxen and steers,         | 12 00  |
| “ “ horses,                          | 11 00  |
| “ “ sheep,                           | 3 00   |
| “ “ swine,                           | 5 00   |
| “ “ poultry,                         | 8 00   |
| Total amount offered for live stock, | 102 00 |
| “ “ awarded for live stock,          | 88 00  |
| “ “ paid out,                        | 58 00  |

## FARM PRODUCTS.

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|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Amount awarded for Indian corn,                        | 5 00  |
| “ “ for wheat,                                         | 7 00  |
| “ “ for grass crops,                                   | 3 00  |
| “ “ for potatoes,                                      | 6 00  |
| “ “ for carrots,                                       | 3 00  |
| “ “ for English turnips,                               | 3 00  |
| “ “ ruta bagas,                                        | 2 00  |
| “ “ Chinese sugar cane,                                | 3 00  |
| Total amount offered for grain and root crops,         | 87 00 |
| “ “ awarded for “ “ “ “                                | 32 00 |
| “ “ paid out for “ “ “ “                               | 30 00 |
| Amount awarded for fruits,                             | 24 00 |
| “ “ for flowers,                                       | 10 00 |
| “ “ for any other cultivated crops, (strawberries)     | 3 00  |
| “ “ for butter,                                        | 5 00  |
| “ “ for honey,                                         | 2 00  |
| “ “ for wheat bread }<br>“ “ for rye bread } and cake, | 3 50  |
| “ “ for corn bread }                                   |       |
| Total amount paid out under the head of farm products, | 52 75 |

## MISCELLANEOUS.

|                                                         |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Amount offered for the raising of forest trees,         | 8 00  |
| “ awarded and paid for same,                            | 5 00  |
| “ “ for all other strictly agricultural objects,        | 11 00 |
| “ “ for objects other than agricultural,                | 38 00 |
| Number of persons who received premiums and gratuities, | 174   |

WILLIAM M. BATES, Treasurer.



THE NANTUCKET  
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY,  
WILL HOLD ITS THIRD  
CATTLE SHOW AND FAIR

ON  
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,

OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AND 14<sup>TH</sup>,

1858:

*And all persons are requested to contribute for Exhibition or  
Premium, all things Useful or Ornamental, which they  
can produce.*

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THE SOCIETY  
OFFERS THE FOLLOWING LIST OF PREMIUMS,  
For the encouragement of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

At a meeting of the officers, held Jan. 16th, 1858, the following list of premiums and regulations were adopted, and ordered to be published with the proceedings of the past year:

E. W. GARDNER, *President.*

THOS. B. GARDNER, *Secretary pro tem.*

Nantucket, Jan. 16, 1858.

## PREMIUMS.

### TREES.

|                                                                                                                             |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| For the best lot of Pine or other Forest Trees, of not less than five acres, from seed planted within five years, . . . . . | \$5 00 |
| For the second best, . . . . .                                                                                              | 3 00   |
| For the best lot of Fruit Trees, not less than twenty in number, and set out within three years, . . . . .                  | 3 00   |
| For the second best, . . . . .                                                                                              | 2 00   |

### CROPS.

#### CORN.

|                                                                   |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| For the best crop of Corn, from not less than one acre, . . . . . | 5 00 |
| For the second best, . . . . .                                    | 3 00 |

#### RYE.

|                                                                  |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| For the best crop of Rye, from not less than one acre, . . . . . | 3 00 |
| For the second best, . . . . .                                   | 2 00 |

#### WHEAT.

|                                                                    |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| For the best crop of Wheat, from not less than one acre, . . . . . | 5 00 |
| For the second best, . . . . .                                     | 3 00 |

#### POTATOES.

|                                                                       |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| For the best crop of Potatoes, from not less than one acre, . . . . . | 4 00 |
| For the second best, . . . . .                                        | 2 00 |

#### OATS.

|                                                                   |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| For the best crop of Oats, from not less than one acre, . . . . . | 4 00 |
| For the second best, . . . . .                                    | 3 00 |

## BARLEY.

|                                                                 |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| For the best crop of Barley, from not less than one acre, . . . | \$3 00 |
| For the second best, . . . . .                                  | 2 00   |

## HAY.

|                                                              |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| For the best crop of Hay, from not less than one acre, . . . | 3 00 |
| For the second best, . . . . .                               | 2 00 |

## BEETS.

|                                                                      |      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| For the best crop of Beets, from not less than one-quarter acre, . . | 2 00 |
| For the second best, . . . . .                                       | 1 00 |

## TURNIPS.

|                                                                              |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| For the best crop of Turnips, from not less than one-half<br>acre, . . . . . | 3 00 |
| For the second best, . . . . .                                               | 2 00 |

## CARROTS.

|                                                                     |      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| For the best crop of Carrots, from not less than one-half acre, . . | 3 00 |
| For the second best, . . . . .                                      | 2 00 |

## ONIONS.

|                                                                     |      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| For the best crop of Onions, from not less than one-quarter acre, . | 3 00 |
| For the second best, . . . . .                                      | 2 00 |

## BEANS.

|                                                                    |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| For the best crop of Beans, from not less than one-quarter acre, . | 3 00 |
| For the second best, . . . . .                                     | 2 00 |

## CRANBERRIES.

|                                                                                     |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| For the best crop of Cranberries, from not less than one-quarter<br>acre, . . . . . | 4 00 |
| For the second best, . . . . .                                                      | 3 00 |

## STRAWBERRIES.

|                                                                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| For the best crop of Strawberries, from not less than one-quarter<br>acre, . . . . . | 3 00 |
| For the second best, . . . . .                                                       | 2 00 |

## VEGETABLES.

|                                                                                                      |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Premiums and Gratuities for Garden Vegetables will be awarded,<br>not exceeding the sum of . . . . . | 15 00 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|

## BUTTER.

|                                                                |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| For the best lot of Butter, of not less than ten pounds, . . . | \$3 00 |
| For the second best, . . . . .                                 | 2 00   |
| For the third best, . . . . .                                  | 1 00   |

## CHEESE.

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| For the best Cheese, . . . . . | 1 00 |
|--------------------------------|------|

## HONEY.

|                                          |      |
|------------------------------------------|------|
| For the best display of Honey, . . . . . | 2 00 |
|------------------------------------------|------|

## BREAD.

|                                                                                |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| The Committee will make awards for Bread, amounting to not more than . . . . . | 4 00 |
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## POULTRY.

## FOWLS.

|                                                                  |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| For the best lot, of not less than one Cock and eleven Hens, . . | 3 00 |
| For the second best, . . . . .                                   | 2 00 |
| For the third best, . . . . .                                    | 1 00 |

## DUCKS.

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| For the best twelve, . . . . . | 1 00 |
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## GEESE.

|                                       |      |
|---------------------------------------|------|
| For the best show of Geese, . . . . . | 2 00 |
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## FRUIT.

|                                                                                |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| The Committee will make awards for Fruit, amounting to not more than . . . . . | 25 00 |
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## FLOWERS.

|                                                               |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| The Committee will make awards for Flowers, not exceeding . . | 10 00 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------|

## HYMNS, SONGS, AND ESSAYS.

|                                              |      |
|----------------------------------------------|------|
| For the best Hymn, . . . . .                 | 3 00 |
| For the best Essay on Agriculture, . . . . . | 5 00 |
| For the best Song, . . . . .                 | 3 00 |

## MANUFACTURES.

|                                                                                                      |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Premiums and Gratuities will be awarded for Manufactured and Fancy Articles, not exceeding . . . . . | 25 00 |
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## MANURES.

For the best experiment with Manure, with a statement in writing,  
which is to be left with the Secretary, previous to the first of  
October, showing the kind, cost and result, . . . . . \$5 00

## PLOWING.

For the best experiment in Plowing, not less than 8 inches deep, 4 00  
For the second best, . . . . . 3 00  
For the third do., . . . . . 2 00

## STOCK.

## HORSES.

For the best Stallion, . . . . . 5 00  
For the second best, . . . . . 3 00  
For the best Mare and Colt, . . . . . 3 00  
For the second best do. do., . . . . . 2 00  
For the best 3 year old Colt, . . . . . 3 00  
" " 2 " " . . . . . 2 00  
" " 1 " " . . . . . 1 00

## COWS AND HEIFERS.

For the best herd of Cows, of not less than five, . . . . . 8 00  
For the second best, . . . . . 5 00  
For the best single Cow, . . . . . 4 00  
For the second best do., . . . . . 3 00  
For the best 2 year old Heifer, . . . . . 3 00  
For the second best do., . . . . . 2 00  
For the best 1 year old Heifer, . . . . . 1 00

## BULLS.

For the best Bull of pure foreign blood, . . . . . 20 00  
For the best of native or mixed blood, . . . . . 5 00  
For the second best, . . . . . 3 00

## WORKING OXEN AND STEERS.

For the best yoke of Working Oxen, . . . . . 4 00  
For the second best, . . . . . 3 00  
For the best yoke of Steers, . . . . . 3 00  
For the second best do., . . . . . 2 00

## SHEEP.

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| For the best Ram and five Ewes, | \$3 00 |
| For the second best do.,        | 2 00   |

## HOGS.

|                                                |      |
|------------------------------------------------|------|
| For the best Boar,                             | 4 00 |
| For the second best,                           | 2 00 |
| For the best Sow, with not less than six pigs, | 5 00 |
| For the second best,                           | 3 00 |
| For the best Sow,                              | 3 00 |

The above Premiums will be awarded on the second day of the Show and Fair, on the following conditions, viz:

All persons exhibiting breeding stock, are required to state to the Secretary, in writing, *at the time of making their entries*, the breed and pedigree of the animals, so far as they know.

Competitors for premiums for Cows, are required to state to the Secretary, in writing, *at the time of making their entries*, the time when they last calved, how they have been fed, and the quantity of milk and butter produced by each, for ten successive days of any two months, with two months intervening.

All persons competing for the premiums for Crops, are required to make their entries with the Secretary, in writing, previous to the *first day of August*, giving the quantity, value, location and condition in the spring, of the land; the kind and quality of manure used, with its value; the quantity and kind of seed used, with its value; and previous to the first of October, must also give a correct account of the Crop harvested, its quantity, quality and value, with the whole expense and manner of its cultivation, to the satisfaction of the Committee.

*On Wednesday, October 13th, 1858,*

The FAIR and EXAMINATION of the STOCK, will commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., and all animals will be required to remain in the pens until 3 o'clock, P. M.

The PLOWING MATCH will commence at 2 o'clock, P. M.

*On Thursday, October 14th, 1858,*

At 7½ P. M., an ADDRESS will be delivered at the Hall.

*Committee of Arrangements.*

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| E. W. GARDNER,  | ARNOLD MORSE, |
| JAMES THOMPSON, | GEO. W. MACY, |
| EDWARD MACY,    | E. H. ALLEY.  |

## GENERAL RULES.

### 1ST.

All entries of *Stock* must be made with the Secretary, previous to the first day of October, to be entitled to a premium.

### 2D.

All competitors for premiums, must enter their articles previous to ten o'clock, A. M., of the first day of the Fair.

### 3D.

All articles exhibited, must remain during the Fair.

### 4TH.

No animal or article will be entitled to a premium, which is removed by the owner, without permission of the Committee of Arrangements.

## 5TH.

All articles exhibited, will have all possible care of the Committee, but must be at the risk of the owners.

## 6TH.

No animal or article, for which a premium has been awarded by the Society, will be entitled to another, unless it be of a higher grade.

## 7TH.

Upon application to the Secretary, the Executive Committee will visit any field or crops entered for premium.

## 8TH.

It will be optional with the various Committees, to award premiums or not, as the thing entered for it, may in their judgment deserve, whether there is competition or not.

## 9TH.

All persons in the County may compete for the Premiums offered; but in case any one is awarded to a person not a member of the Society, the admission fee of a member will be deducted; but gratuities of less sums than the admission fees, will be paid on demand, to all persons to whom they are awarded.

## 10TH.

All premiums awarded, not called for within six months, will be added to the capital stock of the Society.

## 11TH.

Any person may become a member of this Society, by signing the constitution, and paying to the Secretary two dollars if a male, and one dollar if a female.

